

**STRIKE IS ON  
WITH THE PAINTERS****Twenty-Six of That Craft Will Go  
Out Tomorrow, as Result of  
Demand for an Increase  
of Wages.****Contractors Will Submit a Proposition of Compromise, Granting Half the Demand—Strike  
May be Short.**

The painters of the city will go out on a strike tomorrow morning, unless there is a change tonight in their intentions.

They gave notice some days ago to the master painters, or contractors of that kind of work, that unless their demand for 50 cents more on the day was granted, the strike would begin April 1st. This demand has not been met, and, of course, a strike is expected.

The contractors held a meeting in the office of Mr. Wells, on West Pike street, last night to discuss the situation and take steps, if possible, to avoid the strike. They prepared and adopted a proposition, which they will submit to the painters.

Heretofore the painters have been receiving 25 cents an hour and nine hours have constituted a day's work. This makes the pay per day \$2.25. The increase will make the daily wages \$2.75, if granted. In addition to this they ask that eight hours constitute a day on Saturdays.

At the meeting of the contractors last night they decided that they would not give the full increase demanded, but that they were willing to make a concession of 25 cents a day, or three cents more on the hour. They are also displeased with the eight-hour a day plan for Saturdays and prefer to have them quit work at noon on Saturdays and allow them for five full hours.

The proposition will be laid before the painters at their regular meeting tomorrow night, unless a special meeting, be held in the meantime.

There are twenty-six painters in the city who will go out on the strike tomorrow morning. They are employed on the various buildings in course of construction and a strike of long duration will tie up the work very much, and result in a great disadvantage to the property owners.

The contractors express the hope that the matter may be satisfactorily adjusted at once and that there will result no inconvenience to anyone.

The plasterers are satisfied and will not strike, as has been stated they intended to do.

Philip Adler returned from a business trip to Baltimore this morning. Mrs. B. Layman, of Salem, stopped off here last night while en route to Baltimore on an extended visit to friends, and was the guest of M. A. Nussbaum's family.

Will Adler leaves this evening for a trip east.

**WEST VIRGINIANS PRAY FOR RAIN.**

A fire has been raging for some days on Mt. Pisgah in Clay county, West Virginia, and is assuming such a threatening nature that the people in that locality are praying for rain. The village of Clay is reported to be in imminent danger of destruction from the fire.

**CONTRACT AWARDED  
FOR SALEM EXTENSION****THE SEMI-OFFICIAL REPORT IN REFERENCE TO THE STREET CAR  
SYSTEM OWNED BY HENRY SCHMULBACK.**

It is stated on semi-official authority that the Fairmont & Clarksburg Electric Railway company has let the contract for the construction of its proposed line from Adamston to Wolf Summit, a distance of about eight miles. The contract is said to have been awarded a day or so ago, but the report can not be confirmed. There is considerable credence in it because of the fact that when Henry Schmulback, of Wheeling, president and principal owner of the system, was here a few days ago, he publicly

**SMALL PUMPER  
IN GORDON**

Gordon Sand Wells Are Showing Up  
Light in Folsom District.

In the Folsom district, Wetzel county, the South Penn Oil company has drilled its No. 2 on the W. G. Hall farm through the Gordon and has a very small pumper.

In the same district No. 46 on the Blackshire & Wells farm is drilling deep in the Gordon and has only a small show of oil. The same company has drilled its test on the Elias Norris farm 40 feet into the stry sand and has developed no oil.

**EMBARGO**

ON DRUNKS TO BE PLACED BY  
BALTIMORE & OHIO R. R.

New Rule Will Go Into Effect on April 1,  
Notice to That Effect Having  
Been Issued.

Notice has been sent out from the headquarters of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company at Baltimore, that on and after April 1st intoxicated persons will not be permitted to board any train. Notices to this effect will be posted at an early date, and it is said that the new rule will be strictly enforced. For a time there will no doubt be a number of disappointed fellows left at the depots along the line. For some time past the B. & O. company has been waging a war against the rowdiness on the trains, and is believed to have been very successful. The embargo on the drunks is believed to be the final act in the war, as the booze is about the only thing that has ever raised a disturbance on any train. The practice of drinking while on the train will also be prohibited as much as possible. With these new rules in effect the sending of policemen out on the trains will not be so important, but their presence at the depot to keep the drunks off will be very necessary.

**BRAKEMAN SERIOUSLY HURT.**

Grafton, W. Va., March 31.—Arthur Gough, a brakeman on the Baltimore & Ohio, was seriously injured in the yards at this city by being caught between two freight cars while engaged in making up a train. His hip was broken and his body was severely cut and bruised. He was taken to his home, where medical attention was given him.

**MEETING POSTPONED**

WEST VIRGINIA COMMISSION TO  
LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPO-  
SITION COULD NOT ALL  
BE THERE.

Date of Meeting Set for April 15.  
Clarksburg Gentleman Is One of  
Bidders on State Building.

The meeting of the West Virginia commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, called for next Wednesday at Charleston, was yesterday postponed until April 15, at the same place, by Senator Whittaker, of Wheeling, chairman of the commission. The postponement is caused by the inability of three of the commissioners, Messrs. Frank Cox, of Morgantown; John T. McGraw, of Grafton, and A. H. Kinchester, of Buckhannon, to attend the meeting as originally arranged.

At the meeting on the 15th a complete organization of the commission will be effected, and the work of arranging for the construction of the state building and collecting of a state exhibit will be inaugurated. Plans have been received from eleven architects for a state building to cost \$20,000. The latest entry in the building design competition comes from Architect J. B. Stewart, of Huntington, which was received yesterday by Assistant Secretary R. M. Archer. The other plans came from the following architects: Grant B. Williams, William Howe Patton, H. R. Warne and E. T. Sanderson, of Parkersburg; Harrison Albright, of Huntington; Badgley & Smith, of Fairmont; J. C. Tibbets, of Grafton; M. E. Henderson, of Salem; Fred F. Faris, of Wheeling, and W. S. Mayers, of Clarksburg.

**GRADING  
ABOUT DONE**

On the Clarksburg Branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad System.

The grading on the Clarksburg branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad is practically finished, except for the connection with the Parkersburg branch. This part of the work has been delayed on account of the trouble over a right of way, but the matter has been so arranged that a connection will be made at an early date. The branch will extend to the Clarksburg Industrial company's property, a distance of one and a half or two miles. Before many weeks it is hoped the line will be built and in operation.

**TIME-KEEPER  
RESIGNS POSITION**

Mr. Wilson Leaves the Withrow Company to Go With Engineering Corps.

Mr. R. G. Wilson has resigned his position as time-keeper on the Waldo hotel building. His resignation will become effective tomorrow. His object in resigning the position is to accept a place on an engineering corps in the southern part of the state. Mr. Wilson has been with the Withrow company three years and is a very capable official. He has been here since the beginning of the construction of the hotel, and has made many friends, who regret his departure. It is not yet known who his successor will be.

**WESTON OIL MEN  
START FOR KANSAS.**

J. W. Wilson, Fred Gore and Jerry Baldwin, of Weston, were in the city Monday, en route to Kansas City. They will remain there a few days, and then go to Canute, Kas., where they will engage in oil operations. They are known as being among the most extensive operators of West Virginia, and will conduct business on a big scale in Kansas. Quite a number of West Virginians are locating in the Sunflower State, where a vast territory is being developed. It is thought by those who are acquainted with the situation there that that state will soon rank among the leaders of oil producers.

Harry Moreland will leave for that state the last of the week.

**TWO CANDIDATES**

Initiated Into the Red Cross Degree of Clarksburg Commandery Knights Templar.

At the special convocation of the Clarksburg Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar, held in the Masonic hall in the Leggett building Monday evening, two candidates were initiated into the Red Cross degree of the Commandery. They were a Mr. Elyea, of Salem, a Mr. Burton, of Romine Mills.

**DEATH**

OF WILLIAM MCCLARY, AN AGED  
AND RESPECTED GENTLEMAN,  
OCCURS AT HOME OF HIS  
DAUGHTER.

WAS IN HIS NINETEETH YEAR, AND  
HIS DEATH WAS CAUSED BY  
INFIRMITIES OF OLD AGE.

Formerly a Prominent Citizen of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, Who Remains Will Be Taken for Burial.

William McClary, an aged resident, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. G. Holmes, on West Main street, Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock from old age. He was 90 years old.

For the past ten years William McClary has resided in this city at the home of his daughter. Prior to that time he lived in Uniontown, Pa., where he was known as one of the foremost citizens of that city.

The deceased was born in Fayette county, Pa. During the earlier part of his life he was a merchant in Smithfield, Pa. Later he removed to Uniontown, and there engaged in the same business. By his strict attention to business, his honesty, integrity and ability, he prospered and was numbered among the prominent citizens of his community. He gradually rose in the estimation of his fellow men, and at length was accorded several offices of trust. He was for years the president of the People's Bank of Uniontown, and he held other similar positions in commercial concerns. He was an excellent gentleman. His faith in Christianity was deep and unswerving.

He resided in Uniontown until the death of his wife, ten years ago. He then moved to this city and has since made his home with his daughter, Mrs. M. G. Holmes. In his death a direct line of four generations is broken. His daughter's daughter is the wife of J. Horner Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Davis are the parents of four children, which made an unbroken line of four generations.

The deceased is survived by three children, as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The children are Mrs. M. G. Holmes, of this city; Mrs. M. W. Mitchell, of Washington, D. C.; and Ewing McClary, of Jefferson, Greene county, Pennsylvania.

The remains will be taken to Uniontown for burial. A short funeral service will be conducted at the residence here Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Rev. H. G. Richardson, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, will officiate. The remains will be taken to the 6:15 morning train and shipped to Uniontown to the residence of a nephew, James A. Searight, on West Main street. Funeral services will be held from the residence there at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The interment will follow in the Union cemetery.

**COMMITTEE  
WILL MEET**

At the Court House Tonight to Organize and Arrange for the Campaign.

The city Republican executive committee will hold a meeting in the court house this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The objects of the meeting will be to organize and arrange for the campaign. The committee consists of H. B. Davis and F. B. Haymaker, of the First ward; Thomas L. Anderson and M. B. Curkendall, of the Second; V. L. Highland and F. R. Moore, of the Third; James N. Hess and E. J. Coleman, of the Fourth, and E. B. Deison and M. G. Sperry, of the Fifth.

**ASSESSORS BEGIN WORK.**

The county assessors will begin their work tomorrow, April 1, the time fixed by law. They attention will be given first to the country districts, and they do not expect to take the valuation of property in the city for two or three weeks. Their duties in taking the assessment will keep them busy for several weeks, and the books will likely not be turned in much before the 1st of June. The assessor in the upper district is W. J. Hughes and in the lower Joseph A. Hammond.

**WILL OPEN FLOWER STORE.**

S. Nussbaum will occupy the store room being vacated by the grocery firm of Martin Brothers on Main street until the E. R. Davis Hardware company moves into it. He will establish his cut flower agency therein. The hardware store will not be moved until after Easter. The store room that will be vacated by the Davis company will be occupied by W. M. Osborn, who will open up a retail shoe store.

**LARGE**

DRILL GROUNDS WILL BE REQUIRED BY WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARDS.

Much Speculation Among Members as to Recommendation of Board.

There is much speculation among the members of the West Virginia National Guard and those indirectly interested about the probable result of the recommendations of the board selected to suggest a suitable drilling ground for the troops of West Virginia, and several surrounding states. One of the sites recommended was Mount Gretna, the state drill grounds for the Pennsylvania troops. Chickamauga Park was another. The war department has taken no decisive steps as yet, but it is expected that it will soon be announced what the decision is regarding drill grounds. At any rate it is certain that the troops of several states will hold a joint encampment once a year and be drilled under regular army regulations.

**THE HOURS  
TOO LATE**

To Receive the Reports of the Corbett-McGovern Fight and Movement Abandoned.

Lovers of the fistic art will be very much disappointed with the news that the management of the Metropolitan hotel has decided not to get the report of the Corbett-McGovern fight in San Francisco tonight. The difference in time is such that the report could not begin to arrive here until 1 o'clock at night. That hour is deemed too late and the management regrets very much the conditions which prevented the hotel from serving the public in this respect, but there was no way to avoid it.

**SILVER ANNIVERSARY**

OF THE WEDDING OF FORMER  
WEST VIRGINIANS CELEBRATED IN NEBRASKA.

Friends of Major and Mrs. Bowman Planned and Carried Out a Happy Surprise Party.

The Tecumseh Chieftain, published at Tecumseh, Nebraska, contains an account as given below of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Major and Mrs. T. H. Bowman, residents of that city, but quite well known here, and uncle and aunt of Mr. Arthur B. Boggess, of this city.

Last Thursday was the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Major and Mrs. T. H. Bowman. In order that the event might be properly celebrated their friends, and they are legion, planned and carried out a surprise party on them that evening. When the hour for the assembling of guests arrived between 90 and 100 responded. They completely took possession of the Bowman home and proceeded to use their pleasure in the way in which the evening should be passed. But it was well, for the occasion was one of much enjoyment to all present.

The mandolin club was in attendance and favored the company with a few pretty selections, and Miss Mae Corbin and Mrs. E. M. Cramb sang vocal solos in their usual pleasing way. Miss Mabel Wilson recited and her selection was duly appreciated.

In remembrance of the occasion the guests brought a number of very handsome silver presents, notably among them being a tea set, cake basket and nut bowl. E. M. Tracy, in language which seemed just to fit the demand, presented these tokens of love and esteem to Major and Mrs. Bowman. The worthy couple were duly grateful and both responded in a happy vein. At the arrival of the lunch hour ice cream, cake and punch were served.

Major and Mrs. Bowman were married in West Virginia, and have lived in this community for over 30 years. They are among our most highly respected citizens and all join in congratulations upon their having reached this important milestone in life's long pathway.

**FREE ENTERTAINMENT**

Will Be Given to Twenty Delegates from Harrison County to S. S. Convention.

Are you planning to attend the Sunday school convention at Parkersburg? The teachers and officers in our schools cannot well afford to miss it. Harrison county is entitled to twenty delegates, who may secure free entertainment. For information, address C. T. Boggess, secretary, Shinnston, W. Va.

**CHICKEN THIEVES  
MAKE BIG HAULS****Broad Oaks is Infested With Midnight Marauders  
and Hen Roosts Are Robbed Every Night—  
Parties Suspected and Arrests  
May Follow.****BRIDGE  
CONTRACT**

Will Likely Be Awarded to the Riverside  
Bridge Company, of Wheeling.

The bridge committee of the Clarksburg Industrial company has practically decided upon the company to which it will recommend to the board of directors that the contract for the construction of the bridge across Elk creek be awarded. The company decided upon by the committee is the Riverside Bridge company, of Wheeling. The main part of the bridge is to be awarded, but the sub-structure will be built by the Industrial company. The committee will make its recommendations at tomorrow night's meeting of the board of directors. It is expected that the work on the bridge will begin in a very few days and be pushed to a speedy completion. The entire cost will about \$25,000, but the exact figures have not been given out.

**STATE OFFICE  
TO BE HERE**

State Organizer Robinson, of Knights of  
Modern Maccabees, Ready for Work.

C. D. Robinson has returned from Charleston, where he met the supreme organizer of the Knights of Modern Maccabees, the latter coming from Port Huron, Mich., for the purpose of giving Mr. Robinson an outfit and instructions concerning the work to be done in West Virginia. Mr. Robinson has been appointed state organizer for this order and will have his general offices here. He assumes the duties of the position immediately.

**DEPUTY MARSHAL  
FINDS ANOTHER PLOT**

ACCORDING TO THE AFFIDAVIT HE BRINGS IN, TO THE EFFECT THAT  
GUARDS WERE TO BE ATTACKED BY MINERS.

Charleston, W. Va., March 31.—Deputy U. S. Marshal Dan W. Cunningham came in Sunday night from Raleigh county, where he went to serve some writs of the United States court.

Mr. Cunningham showed the following affidavit, taken by S. L. Walker, a notary public of Raleigh county:

At a meeting of strikers held Monday, March 9th, 1903, at the colored school house on Arbuckle road, near Rend, a plan was adopted to make an attack on the men employed as guards at the Rend mines. The attack was to be made unknown to the guards like that at Piney.

Question, S. L. Walker—Baldwin or Rend guards?  
Answer, James Young—Rend guards.  
Q. You say the motion was made to attack the guards at Rend. Did that motion carry?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you know any of the men in the meeting?

A. Some of them. Frank Welch, president of the union; W. E. Welch, Frank Mitchell (colored), and S. P. Spur. They are all I know.

Q. You spoke of another meeting. What was that?

A. I was at a meeting of Arbuckle union at White Oak, Wednesday, March 11, 1903, and a mob was made up to dynamite Mr. Rend's drift months and it was put in front of the committee and the committee challenged it.

Q. This proposition to dynamite the drift was challenged? You mean it was put before the meeting and voted down?

A. No, sir; voted to do so.

Q. The plan adopted to dynamite the drift months was that the men go to

The citizens of Broad Oaks have been greatly annoyed of late by chicken thieves. That part of the city seems to be infested with poultry prowlers, but the thieves went once too often and are on the verge of arrest.

Monday night the henhouse of John High in that suburb was visited and seventeen fowls were stolen. The same number dressed was brought over to the city next morning and sold at the Central meat market for 12½ cents a pound. They weighed 79 pounds and brought nearly \$10.

The thieves took the chickens from the hen-house to a point in the rear of Anthony Bowen's residence and picked and cleaned them, making them ready for market.

Other hen-houses were visited there in the past few days. Nearly twenty were stolen from John Day and several were taken from various other residents.

W. B. Ruckman turned detective and is running the thieves down. He is working on the case with the diligence of a Pinkerton, and has a clue, which may lead to the arrest of the parties suspected of the thefts. They reside at Pinnickinnick and warrants may be issued for their arrest. The evidence, however, has not all been gathered and action in the matter may be delayed a day or so.

The crime is one that should not be tolerated in a civilized community, and those who commit it ought to be treated like the colored man down south, who got four years in the penitentiary for stealing an old rooster from his perch on the family-yard tree one bright moonlight night.

**ELKS' ELECTION TONIGHT.**

As stated in yesterday's paper, the local Elks will hold their annual election Tuesday night in their lodge room on South Third street. It is expected there will be an unusually large attendance on account of the interest taken in the election. The officers elected tonight will serve for a period of one year from the date of their election.

secure employment from the company for the purpose of finding out the time at which all of the men or as many as possible and all the mules might be caught in the mines and to dynamite the drift months while the men and mules were in the mines. The man so employed was to convey the information to the union that they might go at such time?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. In regard to the first meeting on Monday night was the question of how the attack on the guards was to be made discussed?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Tell as nearly as possible just what was said in this connection.

A. The first word was said was this meeting is a meeting to make an attack on the guards as that made on the union men at Piney.

Q. Was anything said about arms?

A. Them as didn't have arms was to be armed.

Q. The union men claim that the deputy marshals made attack on Piney on the union men and the union men knew nothing of it. In this case the union men were to make an attack on the guards without letting them know about it and have a battle such as they had on Piney?

A. Yes, sir; that is the way they spoke.

Q. Were the same named above at both meetings?

A. Yes, sir.

(Signed) JAMES YOUNG.

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of March, 1903.

(Signed) S. L. WALKER.

Witness: Fred Morris.

J. C. Whelan, Jr.